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Dear Friends:

The current legislative session is a short one, but the issues being decided will have a lasting effect upon you and your family. That's why it is important that you know where I stand on some of the most crucial decisions that legislators will face this year.

I will continue fighting for and defending traditional American values and ideals which I believe promise the best future for ourselves, our families and our country. Families are the essential building block of our society. That is why I continue to take firm stands on issues that protect them. This year, many other legislators have joined with me in this battle, and by working together, we intend to make our collective voices heard more strongly than ever before.

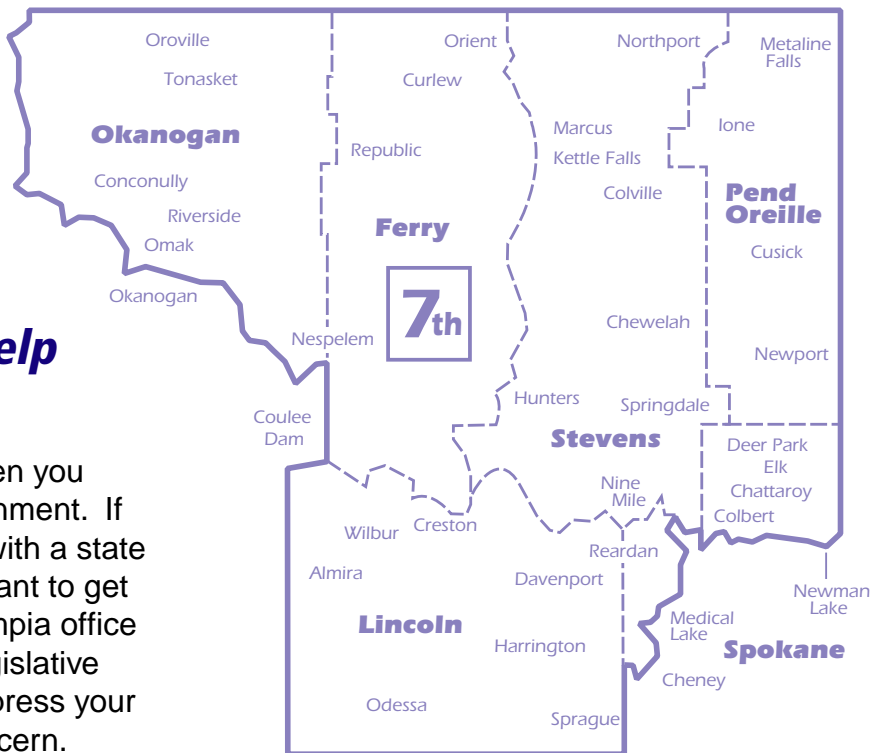
Communicating with you is extremely important to me. Because this is an election year, we are limited by law to only two newsletters or group mailings, of which this is the first. So please remember that you can also contact me and other legislators to learn what's happening here in Olympia.

Sincerely,

Bob Sump

**Call me if you need help
or have ideas**

Part of my job is helping you when you have a problem with state government. If you need assistance in dealing with a state agency, please call me. If you want to get in touch, please contact my Olympia office at (360) 786-7908 or call the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000 to express your views on any matter of state concern.



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HERE ARE MY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 1998 SESSION.

- ✓ **Protect the integrity of state spending limits imposed by Initiative 601.** Any act by the governor or the Legislature to circumvent the intent of I-601 is inviting legal appeals and an uprising of those who worked so hard to get it passed.
- ✓ **Oppose a gas tax increase.** We must be using taxpayers' money efficiently before we ask them for more of their money.
- ✓ **Resist efforts to abridge individual rights, including moves to require unreasonable restrictions on firearm use and ownership.** The voters of this state showed their strong support of Second Amendment rights when they rejected Initiative 676 by an overwhelming 71 percent last fall.
- ✓ **Support a ban on partial-birth abortions.** This procedure has been denounced by a committee of the American Medical Association and rightly branded as "four-fifths infanticide."
- ✓ **Seek legislation making changes needed to keep convicted offenders from threatening the safety and security of our families, homes and communities.**
- ✓ **Support a ban on so-called "same-sex marriages."** With the Hawaii Supreme Court poised to legalize same-sex "marriages" — possibly within the next few weeks, it is more urgent than ever that our state establish a strong public policy supporting traditional marriage or be forced by judicial decree to recognize "marriages" of same-sex couples performed elsewhere.
- ✓ **Support I-200** — the Washington Civil Rights Initiative — which would prohibit government "from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in public employment, education and contracting."
- ✓ **Support the requirement of teaching phonics in grades K-3.** Recent testing scores of fourth-graders statewide showed an unmistakable pattern. Those who were taught phonics, irrespective of socio-economic factors, scored remarkably higher in reading and math.
- ✓ **Continue to explore and encourage private funding alternatives for public projects in order to stimulate competition and reduce the cost of government.**

Bob Sump has taken the lead in standing up for landowners on property rights issues and is often chosen to speak before groups involved in natural resource industries.

